
Subject: Re: Return the name of the last (newest) file ?
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Kolbjorn Bekkelund (kobe@rocketrange.no) writes:

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> Thanks for the tip.  
> I tried it and the print command shows the correct file, but:  
> When I try to use the contents of lastfile as an input like  
>  
> data=read_ascii(lastfile,data_start=1)  
>  
> I get:  
>  
> MESSAGE: Expression must be a scalar in this context: <STRING  
> Array[1]>  
>  
> I got the same earlier today when I tried to use the spawn, 'date',  
> mydate. I solved that one by using systemtime() though. What is it telling  
> me ?
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It's telling you the variable is an array, and it should be a scalar. It happens to be an array with only one element in it, however, so use it like this:

```
data=read_ascii(lastfile[0],data_start=1)
```

Cheers,

David

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